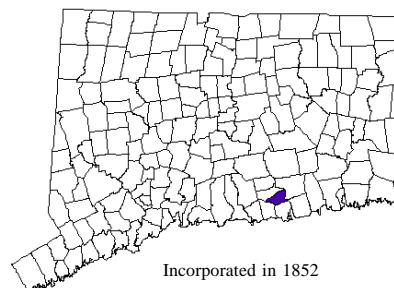


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Lower River Labor Market Area
Middlesex County Economic Dev. Region
Connecticut River Estuary Planning Area



Incorporated in 1852

Demographics

<i>Population (2001)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Race/Ethnicity (2001)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1990	5,904	143,196	3,287,116	White	6,459	147,052	2,997,210
2000	6,505	155,071	3,405,565	Black	66	6,166	266,880
2001	6,557	156,069	3,414,784	Asian Pacific	26	1,601	52,248
2006	6,770	160,770	3,465,947	Native American	7	253	6,660
'01-'06 Growth (AAGR)	0.64%	0.60%	0.30%	Hispanic (any race)	85	4,559	318,289
Land Area (sq. miles)	10	369	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	3.3%	4.0%	6.6%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2001)	632	423	682	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (2001)	\$41,862	\$31,630	\$32,317	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (2001)	2,761	59,925	1,285,210	High School Graduate	1,092	24.8%	648,366
Median Age (2001)	44	37	37	Some College	1,101	25.0%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	1,586	36.0%	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (2001)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	164 3%	487 7%	165 3%	1,156 18%	541 8%	585 9%	3,098
Female	177 3%	490 7%	172 3%	1,154 18%	588 9%	878 13%	3,459
County Total	9,272 6%	26,522 17%	12,302 8%	62,546 40%	24,554 16%	20,873 13%	156,069
State Total	213,561 6%	597,220 17%	279,666 8%	1,294,651 38%	544,994 16%	484,692 14%	3,414,784

Economics

<i>Business Profile (2001)</i>					<i>Top Five Grand List (2001)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Net</i>
Agriculture	15	2.2%	85	1.7%	Essex Meadows Inc.	\$19,018,150	2.88%
Const. and Mining	82	12.1%	369	7.4%	Lee Company	\$7,559,710	1.15%
Manufacturing	57	8.4%	858	17.3%	Doncasters Inc.	\$7,133,210	1.08%
Trans. and Utilities	18	2.7%	142	2.9%	Connecticut Light & Power	\$2,776,550	0.42%
Trade	165	24.4%	1,172	23.6%	The Griswold Inn LLC	\$2,427,650	0.37%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	42	6.2%	311	6.3%	Net Grand List ()	\$659,882,752	
Services	295	43.7%	2,013	40.5%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	1	0.1%	15	0.3%	Doncasters Inc	Griswold Inn	
Total	675	100.0%	4,965	100.0%	Essex Meadows Inc.	Middlesex Med. Center. Shoreline	
					Incarnation Center, Inc.		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1999)</i>	\$128,843,969	\$76,264,820,474

Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Connecticut Mastery Test: Percent Above Goal</i>						
Total Students	810	461,203	Grade 4		Grade 6		Grade 8		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,479	\$8,300	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	
Average Teacher's Salary	\$44,948	\$48,598	Reading	62 55	83 60	80 64			
Students Attending Public School	82.0%	89.2%	Math	68 59	79 59	71 51			
Student/Teacher Ratio	14.9	14.5	Writing	48 46	75 46	90 51			
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	72.9%	75.8%	<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>			
High School Dropout Rate	4.7%	4.6%	Verbal		525	503			
<i>Average Class Size</i>			Math		528	499			
Kindergarten 15.5	Grade 2 19.0								
Grade 5 20.8	Grade 7 20.1	High School 17.2							

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Government

Government Form	Selectman-Town Meeting			Annual Debt Service (1999)	\$877,621
				As % of Expenditures	8.3%
Total Revenue (1999)	\$10,951,148	Total Expenditures (1999)	\$10,582,608	Equalized Grand List (2001)	\$910,252,864
Tax Revenue	\$9,036,188	Education	\$6,758,522	Per Capita	\$146,108
Non-tax Revenue	\$1,914,960	Other	\$3,824,086	As % of State Average	0.9%
Intergovernmental	\$1,000,455	Total Indebtness (1999)	\$6,032,615	Date of Last Revaluation (2001)	1999
Per Capita Tax (1999)	\$1,450	As % of Expenditures	57.0%	Moody's Bond Rating (1999)	Aa3
As % of State Average	93.6%	Per Capita	\$968	Actual Mill Rate (1999)	14.00
		As % of State Average	70.3%	Equalized Mill Rate (1999)	11.43
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1999)	15.5%

Housing

Housing Stock (1999)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (2000)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	2,994	67,085	1,392,233	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	77.0%	73.5%	63.4%	Less than \$100,000	8	667	12,351
New Permits Auth. (1999)	50	905	10,794	\$100,001-\$200,000	72	1,369	24,349
As % Existing Units	1.67%	1.35%	0.78%	\$200,001-\$300,000	40	609	9,063
Demolitions (1998)	0	64	2,968	\$300,001-\$400,000	23	203	4,013
Residential Sales (2000)	170	2,965	56,032	\$400,001 or More	27	117	6,256
Average Price	\$261,341	\$166,412	\$219,784	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$180,000	\$119,000	\$135,500	Owner Occupied Dwellings	1,839	38,474	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	39.7%	28.5%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	53	5,076	148,930

Labor Force

(2000)	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)		
Labor Force	3,399	84,484	1,746,503	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Employed	3,348	82,842	1,707,150	Essex	Essex	842
Unemployed	51	1,642	39,353	Old Saybrook	Old Saybrook	383
Unemployment Rate	1.5%	1.9%	2.3%	Chester	Westbrook	133
Total Employment	3,790	67,690	1,693,400	Deep River	Hartford	131
'92-'00 Growth (AAGR)	2.5%	1.2%	1.3%	Clinton	Clinton	111
Manufacturing	960	12,930	268,400	Westbrook	Deep River	92
				Haddam	Middletown	90
				Old Lyme	Waterford	76
				East Lyme	Chester	65

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1999)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (2000)	10	1,183	Total Volumes	24,394	Electric Provider
Lodging (1998)	4	756	Circulation Per Capita	6.7	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1999)	5	1,722			(800) 286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 births (1998)	0.0	7.0	Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1999) Per 1,000 Residents	10	33	Hartford	32	na
% Open Land (1990)	67.8%	68.7%	Boston	100	na
			New York City	92	Water Provider
			Providence	62	Connecticut Water Company
					(800) 286-5700
Hospitals (1999)	0	1			Cable Provider
Total Beds	0	275			Comcast Cablevision of Clinton, Inc.
					860-388-3354